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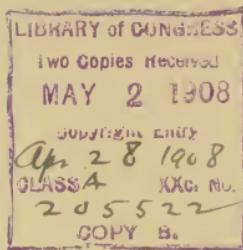
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Realizing that healthy outdoor exercise is absolutely essential to the physical development of individuals, and recognizing the difficulties with which those living in a large city have to contend, owing to the miles and miles of crowded streets which make it impossible to secure the space necessary for participation in the popular games heretofore played, this organization has been formed for the purpose of introducing and encouraging the game of Playground Ball, which will afford manly and healthful exercise to numbers at the same time, and which can be played within a very limited space.



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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME AND OBJECTS.

This organization shall be known as the NATIONAL AMATEUR PLAYGROUND BALL ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES.

The objects of this Association are:

1. To perpetuate Playground Ball as a national sport throughout the United States, and to surround it with such safeguards as to warrant for the future, absolute public confidence in its integrity and methods.
2. To protect and promote the mutual interests of Playground Ball Clubs and Leagues under the jurisdiction of the Association.
3. To afford the boys and men of large cities who have not large athletic fields at their disposal, a safe, judicious athletic sport which can be played within a limited space, especially Public School and Public Playgrounds.
4. To make this sport purely amateur by discouraging all wagering on games, paying of players, or charging of admission to witness contests.

ARTICLE II.

MEMBERSHIP.

Any Playground Ball Association may become a member of this Association on written application to the Chairman of the Advisory Board, in the section in which such applicant is located, or direct to the Secretary of this Association. The Chairman of the Advisory Board shall forward such application to the Secretary of the Association, who will enroll said league.

ARTICLE III.

TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

1. Membership may be terminated or suspended by resignation, duly accepted by two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee.

2. Playing any game of ball with a club that has been disqualified.
3. Offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball, or failing immediately to expel any player who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring or attempting to lose any game of ball.
4. Failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement of the Executive Committee or Advisory Director.
5. Wilfully violating any provision of the Constitution or the legislation of playing rules in pursuance thereof.

ARTICLE IV.

EXPULSION OF CLUBS AND OFFICERS.

1. To carry into effect the provision of Clause 4, Article III., of this Constitution, the facts in any case, covered by such sections, must be reported to the Secretary of the Association, who shall at once notify, by mail or telegraph, the party charged with the offense, inquiring whether any dispute exists as to the facts alleged.
2. In case the facts are disputed, the Executive Committee shall after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties.
2. Any member holding a position in this Association, either as an officer or a member of a committee, who shall be charged in writing by three executive officers of this Association with malfeasance in office, or with conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association, may be suspended by the President pending an investigation of the charge.

3. Any officer or member against whom charges have been preferred, as above, shall be furnished with a copy of the charge, and shall be heard in his own defense before the Executive Committee, and if found guilty of the charges preferred, may be reprimanded, suspended for a specified time, removed from his position or expelled from the Association.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Association, for the election of officers and for such other matters as may properly come before it, shall be held on the first Monday in November of each year, due notice of which meeting shall be sent by the Secretary to each member of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. (a) The President shall appoint all committees and perform such other duties as pertain to his office, or such as the Association or Executive Committee may assign him.

(b) He shall sign all necessary documents, and have the casting of vote, in case of a tie, on all questions.

(c) He shall be the sole interpreter of playing rules during the season.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents, in the order of their priority shall, in case of disability of the President, perform all the duties by him ordinarily to be performed, and in case of death, resignation or removal of the President, shall fill the office for the remainder of the term.

SEC. 3. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Association shall have custody and care of the seal of the Association and all official records and documents, shall receive and answer all correspondence, issue all official notices, and shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Executive Committee, and shall have charge of any and all funds of the Association.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to carry out the objects and purposes of the Association.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Advisory Board to advance the welfare of the game in their respective sections. Each member of the Advisory Board shall promote the game in their respective cities, and any protests that cannot be handled by the local league shall be submitted to them and they shall appoint two members to act with them as

a committee, and shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be submitted to their chairman of the Advisory Board for his approval, which shall be final and conclusive on all parties unless an interpretation of the rules be involved, in which case an appeal may be taken to the President of the Association, and his ruling shall be final.

They shall have the power to adopt such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the government of the Association on matters not determined by the By-Laws or special action of the Association, and may force a due observance of same by such action as, in the opinion of the Executive Committee, the welfare of the Association may render necessary or advisable.

The Executive Committee shall have the power to receive and act upon all resignations of members, officers or directors.

Any officer or director of the Association desiring to resign shall present his resignation to the Executive Committee in writing.

ARTICLE VII.

The Secretary, upon written request of a member of the Executive Committee, or three members of the Association, shall submit any question to the vote of the Executive Committee. Within five days after the vote on the question, he shall mail to each member of the Association the question and result of the vote.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

1. The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee, providing such alterations or amendments have been submitted in writing, together with the name of the member proposing it.

2. Any section of this Constitution may be amended or its provisions made non-applicable by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Committee, appoint all sub-committees and order meeting of the Executive Committee, or Association, whenever in his judgment, he may deem it necessary.

SEC. 2. The Vice-Presidents in their order, shall have all the power and perform all the duties of the president in the absence or inability of the latter to attend.

SEC. 3. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep the minutes of the Association and of the Executive Committee, and shall conduct the correspondence, serve all notices and perform the usual duties of the Secretary. He shall have custody of all the papers relative to the affairs of the Association, and shall have charge of any and all funds of the Association.

ARTICLE II.

NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Each State to have its advisory member, who shall constitute a National Advisory Board of Directors, who shall have charge of the affairs of the Association in their respective territory, and shall promote and foster the game of Playground Ball in their respective territories and submit in writing an annual report to the Executive Committee, covering the progress of the game; and advice and suggestions for the betterment of the organization or playing rules. Said member this appointed shall be understood as voicing the opinion and sentiments of said State from which he was appointed, and such opinion or sentiment will be given careful consideration by the Executive Committee in giving final decision bearing on the subject.

ARTICLE III.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee shall in addition to the powers prescribed elsewhere in this Constitution have power:

First: To admit to membership any Association or Organization eligible under the Constitution.

Second: To amend the By-Laws and Rules for the Government of the Association, or the playing rules thereof, not inconsistent with, or beyond the scope of the provisions of this Constitution.

Third: To impose and enforce penalties for any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws or Playing Rules of this Association.

Fourth: By a majority vote, to remove any suspension or remit any penalty pertaining to any person or organization.

Fifth: By a two-thirds vote, to remove from office on seven days' written notice, any member of the Executive Committee, who, by neglect of duty or by conduct tending to impair his usefulness as a member of such committee, shall be deemed to have forfeited his position.

Sixth: To fill vacancies in the Executive Committee occurring from any cause.

Seventh: To define and interpret any provisions of this Constitution or any By-Laws or Playing Rule.

ARTICLE IV.

No officer shall receive compensation for his services.

ARTICLE V.

A Women's Auxiliary may be established under regulations to be made by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI.

MEETINGS.

An annual meeting shall be held on the first Monday in November at a place selected by the Secretary.

ARTICLE VII.

The President may, of his own accord, or upon written request of any member of the Board of Directors, submit to a vote by mail any specific question or matter which might be passed upon at a special meeting of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at all meetings of the Executive Board shall be as follows:

Roll Call.

Reading of the Minutes.

Report of Officers and Committees.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Adjournment.

ARTICLE IX.

These By-Laws may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of all the members of the Executive Board, provided notice specifying the intended change shall have been given at a previous stated meeting, or such notice shall have been served on each member at least five days before the meeting.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE GAME

America, rich in almost every material thing, is not rich, but poor, in traditions and customs that foster the playing of games and the practice of athletic sports. Too great a value cannot be placed upon the importance of making traditional any game or athletic sport that contributes to the health and strength of individuals, for thereby the nation increases and maintains physical power.

Base ball is our most distinctive game and is the only one, perhaps, that is traditionally significant with us. Almost every American born boy learns to play some form of base ball at an early age. But boys born and raised in large cities meet with obstacles at every hand in their attempt to play the game they hear and know most about.

Playground Ball is our traditional game of American base ball so modified that it may be played in large cities in spite of the unfavorable conditions found there.

This form of base ball is also intended to give encouragement to a prolonged period of playing the national game among men who have passed the age or physical condition when they may comfortably handle a hard ball or run thirty yards between bases. Playground Ball presents greater possibilities than the game of base ball for the exercise of individual initiative, alertness, and judgment.

The possibilities for "team work" are also increased. Some of the more distinctive features of Playground Ball are as follows:

The cost of equipment is very insignificant, there being no reason for the use of mask, protector, mits and gloves.

Ten players constitute a team, thus engaging two more players than are engaged in a game of base ball. It is a greater number of participants that we need in games and not a greater number of "rooters."

Playground Ball will not lend itself readily to the commercial and professional tendencies that are so common in base ball. It is distinctly a game for "fun," to be practiced by either young or old gentlemen.

The diamond may be laid out in a school yard, playground, vacant lot, golf club grounds, tennis courts, or on a lawn. The ball is too soft and yielding to injure players or spectators.

The first batter at bat, at his own discretion (see Rule XXIV) may run to either third or first base. This play opens possibilities of perception and action that are excluded in base ball. It will also more frequently and actively engage the fielders on the left side of the diamond.

Scoring by points (see Rule XVIII) will give each player and team credit for every successful play that places a man on a base. This method of scoring (five innings constituting a full game) will also enable school and playground leagues to conduct tournaments and play a great number of games in a single afternoon, with slight possibility of ending with tie scores.

The fundamental principles of playground ball give encouragement to the maximum of thought and action on the part of all the players. The game is especially adapted to the service of school and playground organizations, but church organizations, fraternal lodges and golf and tennis clubs will find it better adapted to their surroundings and conditions than base ball. Y. M. C. A.'s and colleges with large gymnasiums will find it an interesting indoor game. It is an excellent class game for schools and colleges. Several diamonds may be laid out in a comparatively small space. In class games the catcher on the fielding team may act as umpire of balls and strikes, and the pitcher on the same team may act as the umpire of the bases, thus eliminating the necessity of selecting special umpires who are not players in the game. This plan is recommended as an agency for developing character in those who participate in the game. It places upon the players themselves the responsibility of giving each other a "square deal."

OFFICIAL PLAYGROUND BALL RULES

RULE I.

DIAMOND, BASES AND BATSMAN'S BOX.

Playground Ball may be played on any grounds sufficiently large to lay out the diamond. The bases, except the home plate, shall be $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet square. The home plate shall be one foot square. Each side of the diamond shall be 35 feet long, with bases placed in each corner. The distance from home to second and from first to third base shall be $48\frac{1}{2}$ feet. The pitcher's plate shall be a slab made of rubber or wood, 10 inches by 2 inches, and shall be placed thirty feet from the center of the home plate on a straight line between home plate and second base. The batsman's box (one to the left and one to the right of the home plate) shall be 4 feet long and 3 feet wide, extending 1 foot in front of and 3 feet behind the center line through the home plate, with its nearest side distant 6 inches from the home plate.

RULE II.

FAIR AND FOUL GROUND.

The foul lines shall be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the home plate, along the outer edge of the first and third bases to the boundaries of the grounds so that the bases shall come within the diamond. All space inside of these lines shall be considered "fair ground" and all space outside of these lines shall be considered "foul ground."

RULE III.

THE BALL.

The ball shall be not less than 12 inches nor more than 14 inches in circumference, not less than 8 ounces nor more than $8\frac{3}{4}$ ounces in weight, made of a yielding substance covered with a white skin. Should the ball become ripped or torn during the

game, a new one shall be substituted. The Spalding horse-hide covered ball shall be the official ball of this association.

NOTE—The 14-inch ball should be used where playing space is limited and the 12-inch ball where games are played on large, roomy grounds.

RULE IV.

THE BAT.

The bat shall be $2\frac{3}{4}$ feet long, not more than 2 inches in diameter at the largest part, and shall be made of wood, except that a metal rod may pass through the center to give the desired weight. Under no circumstances shall lead be used to give weight to the bat.

RULE V.

THE PLAYERS.

Ten players shall constitute a side. The players' positions shall be such as shall be assigned them by their captain, except that the pitcher shall take his position within the pitcher's lines as defined in Rule VI, while in the act of delivering the ball to the bat. There shall be three outfielders, right, left and center; right and left shortstops; three basemen and the battery (pitcher and catcher) making ten players on each side.

RULE VI.

THE PITCHER.

The pitcher shall take his position facing the batter, with both feet on the ground in front of the pitcher's plate, and when in the act of delivering the ball to the bat must keep one foot in contact with the pitcher's plate. He shall not take more than one step in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, but he shall not be restricted as to curving the ball. The arm, however, must be swung parallel with the body. Before delivering the ball to the bat the pitcher shall hold it fairly in front of his body and in sight of the umpire.

NOTE—In the preliminary movement of the pitcher, the arm does not have to be swung parallel with the body, but only on the final swing when delivering the ball to the bat.

RULE VII.

THE GAME.

A game shall consist of nine innings for each contesting club, unless the side first at the bat scores less runs in nine innings than the other has scored in eight innings, in which case the game shall terminate; or, if the side last at the bat in the ninth inning scores the winning run before the third man is out, in which case the game shall terminate.

NOTE—The game may consist of five or seven innings and may be scored by "points" as per footnote, Rule XVIII.

RULE VIII.

A TIE GAME.

If the score is a tie at the end of the ninth inning, play shall only be continued until the side first at the bat shall have scored one or more runs than the other side in an equal number of innings, or until the other side shall score one or more runs than the first side at the bat.

RULE IX.

A FORFEITED GAME.

A forfeited game shall be declared by the umpire, in favor of the club not at fault, at the request of such club, in the following cases:

(a) If the entire number of players necessary to constitute a team fails to appear upon the field, or, being on the field, fails to begin the game within five minutes after the umpire has called "Play" at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or in commencing the game is unavoidable.

(b) If, after the game has begun, one side refuses or fails to continue playing, unless such game has been suspended or terminated by the umpire.

RULE X.

SUBSTITUTES.

The base runner shall not have a substitute run for him without the consent of the captains of the contesting teams.

RULE XI.

CHOICE OF INNINGS.

The choice of innings shall be decided upon by flipping a coin.

RULE XII.

GOOD AND BAD BALLS.

A ball, legally delivered by the pitcher, which passes over any part of the home plate, not lower than the batsman's knees nor higher than his shoulders, is a good ball. Any other ball delivered to the batsman is a bad ball, it being assumed that the batter is standing in an erect position.

RULE XIII.

BALKS.

A motion by the pitcher to deliver the ball, without his doing so, or holding the ball so long as to unnecessarily delay the game, constitutes a balk.

RULE XIV.

ILLEGAL BALLS.

Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher shall take his position facing the batsman, with both feet squarely on the ground and in front of the pitcher's plate, and in the act of delivering the ball to the bat shall keep one foot in contact with the pitcher's plate, as defined in Rule VI. He shall not raise either foot until in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor take more than one step in such delivery.

RULE XV.

DEAD BALLS.

Any pitched ball striking the batter is a dead ball, but does not entitle him to a base. If the batter intentionally gets in the way of or interferes with any legally delivered ball, a strike shall be called. If it should be the third strike, the batter is out, and no base can be run on that ball.

RULE XVI.

NOT IN PLAY.

In case of a foul strike, foul hit ball not legally caught out, dead ball, or base runner put out for being struck by a fair hit ball, the ball shall not be considered in play until it is in the hands of the pitcher standing in his box.

RULE XVII.

BLOCK BALLS.

A block ball is a batted or thrown ball that is stopped or handled by any person not engaged in the game.

(a) Whenever a block occurs, the umpire shall declare it; base runners shall not be allowed to run the bases, but must stop at the last base touched until the ball has been returned to the pitcher and the umpire calls "Play."

(b) Special ground rules may be made allowing a certain number of bases on a fair hit into the crowd (or a thrown ball) in which case the above sections are void.

RULE XVIII.

THE SCORING OF RUNS.

One run shall be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, reaches the home plate before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching legal base, a run shall not be scored.

NOTE—The game may be scored by points instead of runs, as follows: Whenever a player arrives safely on a base, one point for each base shall be scored for his side. If a player completes the circuit of the bases he shall score four points for his side. It would not make any difference if a man is left on base when three men are put out and his side is retired. Thus, supposing a runner is on second base, he would still score two points for his side. The side scoring the greater number of points shall be declared the winner.

RULE XIX.

FAIR AND FOUL BALLS.

(a) A fair hit is a legally batted ball that settles on fair ground between home and first base, or between home and third base, or that is on fair ground when bounding to the outfield past first or third base or that first falls on fair territory beyond first or third base, or that touches the person of the umpire or a player while on fair ground.

(b) A foul hit is a legally batted ball that settles on foul territory between home and first base or home and third base, or that bounds past first or third base on foul territory or that falls on foul territory beyond first or third base, or touches the person of the umpire or a player while on foul ground. See Rule II for further definition of fair and foul ground.

RULE XX.

STRIKES.

(a) A strike is a ball struck at by the batsman without its touching his bat; or a foul tip caught.

NOTE—A base runner may advance on a foul tip that is caught as he would on a regular strike where the ball did not touch the bat.

(b) A good ball, legally delivered by the pitcher, but not struck at by the batsman.

(c) A good ball, legally delivered by the pitcher and intentionally interfered with by the batter.

RULE XXI.

FOUL STRIKES.

A foul strike is a ball batted by the batsman when any part of his person is on the ground outside the lines of the batsman's position.

RULE XXII.

THE BATSMAN IS OUT.

(a) If he bats out of his turn and makes a fair hit before the error is discovered.

(b) If he fails to take his position within one minute after the umpire has called for the batsman.

(c) If he makes a foul hit, other than a foul tip, and the ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground, provided it is not caught in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket, or other part of his uniform, or hits some object other than a fielder, before being caught.

(d) If he makes a foul strike.

(e) If he attempts to hinder the catcher from fielding the ball, or if he fouls the ball intentionally, evidently without effort to make a fair hit.

(f) If, while first base is occupied by the base runner, he has three strikes, except when two men are already out.

(g) As per Rule XV.

(h) If the batsman is hit by the ball on the third strike he shall be declared out.

NOTE—If the batter interferes with the catcher fielding his position, the base runner cannot advance on that play.

RULE XXIII.

BASE RUNNING.

The batsman becomes a base runner:

(a) Instantly after he makes a fair hit.

(b) Instantly after three balls have been called by the umpire.

(c) Instantly after three strikes.

(d) Instantly after the umpire declares an illegal delivery of the ball by the pitcher.

NOTE—A foul tip is a ball hit by the batsman that does not go higher than his head.

RULE XXIV.

REGULAR ORDER OF BASES.

Base runners must touch each base in regular order, i.e., either first, second, third and home plate, or third, second, first and home plate. The first batter to bat, when there is no base runner on base, has the option of running either to first or third base as preferred. The next batter must run the bases in the same

order as the previous base runner if the latter is still on base. For example: the batter must run to third base after he hits the ball, or is entitled to a base, if the previous batter had gone to third base instead of first, and is still on base.

RULE XXV.

ENTITLED TO BASES.

The base runner is entitled, without being put out, to take one base in the following cases:

(a) If while he is batsman the umpire calls three balls. When bases are empty the runner must go to the base he starts for.

(b) If the umpire awards the succeeding batsman a base on three balls, or in case of an illegal delivery, and the base runner is thereby forced to vacate the base held by him. If when runner is on base and the batter starts for the wrong base he must return and touch home plate and proceed to the correct base.

(c) If the umpire calls a "balk" or an "illegal pitch."

(d) If a ball delivered by the pitcher passes the catcher, or is fumbled, only one base may be taken, provided the runner gains it, unless it is a third strike or third ball, when the runner is entitled to all the bases he can safely reach.

(e) If the pitcher does not give him time to return to his base.

(f) If, upon a fair hit, the ball touches the person or clothing of the umpire on fair grounds.

(g) If he is prevented from reaching a base by the obstruction of an adversary.

(h) If, while he is a batsman, the pitcher delivers an illegal ball.

(i) On a fair or foul fly ball that is caught the base runner may advance, providing he does not leave his base until after the ball is caught. (This does not exempt the runner from being put out in his efforts to reach a base.)

NOTE—Batsman is entitled to take legal base on an illegal pitch, but not on a "balk."

RULE XXVI.

WHEN TO START.

(a) A base runner must not leave his base while the pitcher standing in his box is holding the ball.

(b) A base runner must not leave his base on a pitched ball not hit until after the ball has left the pitcher's hand when in the act of delivering it to the bat. He shall be called back for premature starting.

(c) Base runners must be on bases when the pitcher is ready to deliver the ball to the bat.

NOTE—Starting too soon does not exempt a runner from being put out on that particular play. The umpire must not make a decision in regard to a premature start until the base runner has reached the next base or is put out.

RULE XXVII.

RETURNING TO BASES.

The base runner shall return to his base, and shall be entitled to so return without being put out:

(a) If the umpire declares a foul hit which is not legally caught by the fielder.

(b) If the umpire declares a foul strike.

(c) If the umpire declares a dead ball.

(d) If the person or clothing of the umpire is hit by a ball thrown by the catcher to intercept a base runner.

(e) If he is called back by the umpire for starting too soon.

RULE XXVIII.

A BASE RUNNER IS OUT.

(a) If, having made a fair hit, while batsman, such fair hit ball be held by a fielder before touching the ground.

(b) If he intentionally kicks or interferes with a ball he has just batted.

(c) If the third strike be caught before touching the ground or any object.

(d) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he is touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder before such base runner touches the legal base.

(e) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching the legal base with any part of his person, before such base runner touches the legal base.

(f) If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or vice versa, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder; but in case a fielder be occupying a base runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, the base runner shall run out of the path and shall not be declared out for so doing.

(g) If he fails to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or if he in any way obstructs a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or intentionally interferes with a thrown ball.

(h) If, at any time, while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy, provided the ball is held by the fielder after touching him. But in running to the first legal base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If in overrunning the first legal base, he also attempts to run to second base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

(i) If when a fair or foul fly is legally caught, such ball is legally held by a fielder on a base occupied by the base runner when such ball was struck, or the base runner be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder, before he retouches said base after such fair or foul hit ball was so caught.

(j) If a fair hit ball strikes him before touching a fielder, except when a runner is holding a base he is legally entitled to, and in such case no base shall be run unless forced by the batsman becoming a base runner, and no run shall be scored.

(k) If he fails to touch the intervening base, or bases, in legal order. He may be put out at the base he fails to touch by a fielder holding the ball on said base, in the same manner as running to the legal base.

RULE XXIX.

TURN EITHER WAY.

In returning to first legal base, after overrunning, the base runner may turn either way.

RULE XXX.

COACHING.

The coaches are restricted to coaching base runners only, and are not allowed to address any remarks to any players except base runners, and then only in words of necessary direction.

RULE XXXI.

PITCHER MUST WAIT.

When a base runner is legally entitled to return to a base the pitcher shall wait a reasonable time for him to reach the base. Violation of this rule will entitle the base runner to another base.

RULE XXXII.

UMPIRES.

(a) The umpires are masters of the field from the beginning to the end of the game.

(b) The umpires shall compel the players to observe the provisions of all the playing rules.

(c) There shall be one or two umpires, who shall take suitable positions on the field for observing the plays which they are to judge.

(d) The umpires shall be sole judges of the play, and discussion will only be allowed on correct interpretation of the rules. All such discussions are restricted to the two captains.

(e) If two umpires, they shall change positions at the end of every full inning.

(f) In case an umpire for some reason cannot decide a play, he shall refer to his colleague. The umpires shall ask the captain of the home team whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, they shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any of these rules.

(g) The umpires must keep the contesting teams playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident or injury. The umpires shall, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to take their positions in the field immediately after the third man is put out, and shall require the first batter of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

RULE XXXIII.

CALLING PLAY AND TIME.

(a) The umpire shall call "play" promptly at the hour designated by the home club, and on the call of "play" the game shall begin immediately. When he calls "time" play shall be suspended until he calls "play" again, and, during the interim, no player shall be put out, base run, or run or points scored. The umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a fielder "time" shall not be called until the ball is returned to the pitcher and is held by him standing in his box).

(b) "Time" must not be called for trivial causes. The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with either umpire is a gross violation of the rules, and the umpire shall not allow it.

(c) If a player wilfully disobeys the cautions of the umpire in regard to violations of the rules, he may, at the discretion of the umpires, be ordered out of the game and his place filled by a substitute.

RULE XXXIV.

SCORING.

In order to promote uniformity in scoring, the following suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of the scorers:

SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at the bat during the game. No time at bat shall be scored if the batsman be given legal base on called balls or on an illegal delivery of the ball by the pitcher.

SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the number of hits made by each player.

A hit shall be scored in the following cases:

When the ball from the bat hits the ground within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders.

When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first legal base.

When a ball is hit with such force to a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman.

When a base runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman shall be credited with a hit.

SEC. 3. In the third column shall be set down the number of runs made by each player during the game.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be set down the number of opponents put out by each player. When a batsman is called out for a foul strike, or when he fails to bat in the proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In all cases of out for interference or running out of line, the put-out shall be credited to the player who would have made the play, but for the action of the base runner or the batsman.

SEC. 5. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the fifth column. An assist shall be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting the put-out or other play of the kind. An assist should be given the proper player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who would complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting.

SEC. 6. An error shall be given in the sixth column for each misplay which allows the batsman or base runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls" or illegally pitched balls, all of which comprise battery errors, shall not be included in this column.

An error shall not be scored against a catcher for a wild throw to prevent a stolen base, unless the base runner advances an extra base because of the error.

No error shall be scored against a fielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained.

SEC. 7. When game is scored by points, the number of points scored by each player, instead of runs, shall be set down in the third column.

RULE XXXV.

SUMMARY.

- SECTION 1. The score made in each inning of the game.
- SEC. 2. The number of two-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 3. The number of three-base hits made by each player.
- SEC. 4. The number of home runs made by each player.
- SEC. 5. The number of hits made off each pitcher.
- SEC. 6. The number of times the pitcher strikes out the opposing batsman.
- SEC. 7. The number of times the pitcher gives bases on balls.
- SEC. 8. The number of wild pitches charged to the pitcher.
- SEC. 9. The number of passed balls by each catcher.
- SEC. 10. The time of the game.
- SEC. 11. The names of the umpires.

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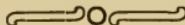
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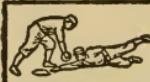
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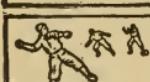
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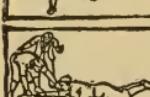
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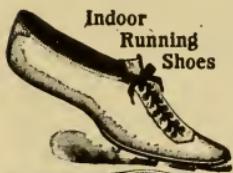
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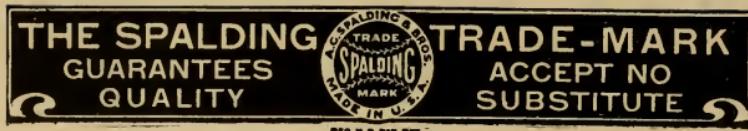
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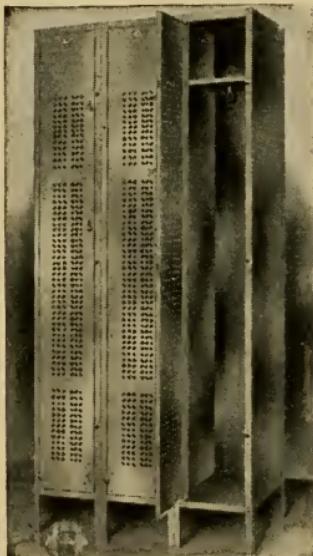
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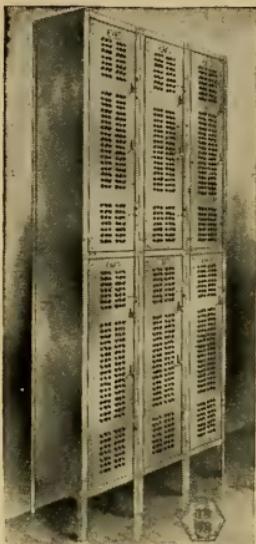
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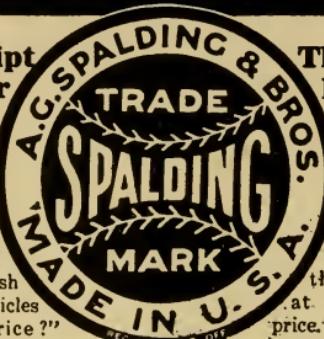
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